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Official meetings

Monday, 29 September 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 5985th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

   Seventeenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia (S/2008/553)

Morning[1] — 5986th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   Letter dated 24 September 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/621)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5985th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. — 15th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [8]

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Turkmenistan

Republic of Moldova

Liechtenstein

Singapore

Yemen

Jordan

Myanmar

(continued overleaf)

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The general debate will conclude on *Monday, 29 September 2008*, as agreed by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting on Friday, 19 September.

The list of speakers has been moved from Wednesday, 1 October 2008 to *Monday, 29 September*. For any inquiries please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

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Botswana

Chad

Congo

Ecuador

Côte d'Ivoire

Kyrgyzstan

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Denmark

3 p.m. . . . . 16th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Ireland

Ethiopia

Belize

Nigeria

South Africa

Eritrea

Thailand

Canada

Cambodia

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Djibouti

New Zealand

Belarus

Switzerland

Mauritius

Maldives

Mauritania

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Sweden

Holy See

Informal consultations on the agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

[*Note*: An information session for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on *Monday, 29 September 2008*, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the outcome of the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcome of recent sessions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.]

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Organization of work (A/C.2/63/1, A/C.2/63/L.1 and A/C.2/63/L.1/Add.1)

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High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Human Resources Management

Other meetings

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Monday, 29 September 2008

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Ministerial meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

OIC Open-ended Working Group on United Nations Reform (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

African Group: Sixth Committee Experts

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Ministerial meeting on "Reducing Disaster Risks in a Changing Climate" (hosted by the Secretary-General)

3.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the general debate (23–29 *September*), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 29 September 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russia Federation (on the outcome of the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly)

Guests at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Robert Orr, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG); and Mr. Nicholas Haysom, Director for Political Affairs in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (to provide an analysis of the general debate of the the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, special events and the Secretary-General's meetings)

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 30 September 2008

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Tuesday, 30 September 2008, official holiday.]

General Assembly

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Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday,

14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1); organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1); list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

The Committee will also hear a keynote address by Prof. Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard University's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

General debate

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/third/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to send a fax to the secretariat of the Third Committee with their specific requests (fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management);

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on 6 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-third session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the website of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/63/63_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work (A/C.6/63/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/63/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations); 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism); and 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

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Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will continue from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

An information session for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 239th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, par. 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session
Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (to update Member States of the Commission on the work of the Commission, particularly in establishing transit transport systems and expanding trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room B.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations convened by the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

UNU Emerging Thinking on Global Issues Lecture Series (I): "From Communism to Confucianism: Changing Political Discourses on China's Political Future and its Meaning for the World" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 4 to 5.30 pm in Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For more information and to register, please visit the Web site <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The 18th annual celebration of the International Day of Older Persons: A call for a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons"

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 26 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

12th plenary meeting *Continuation of the general debate* . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Derrick Sikua, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Apisai Ielemia, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Labour of Tuvalu.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Abbas El Fassi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. David Thompson, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs and Development, Labour, Civil Service and Energy of Barbados.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Geir H. Haarde, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iceland.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Commodore Josaia V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister and Commander of the Military Forces of the Republic of the Fiji Islands.

The General Assembly heard and address by H.E. Mr. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Frederick Vaka'uta Sevele, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Stephenson King, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, External Affairs, Home Affairs and National Security of Saint Lucia.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Tidiane Souaré, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea.

A statement was made by H.E. Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Tillman Thomas, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Information and Legal Affairs of Grenada.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Deputy Federal Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Ján Kubiš, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Ali Ahmed Jama Jengeli, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Somalia; and H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola.

Saturday, 27 September 2008

Security Council

5984th meeting — *Non-proliferation*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Germany, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/624, submitted by Belgium, China, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Indonesia.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/624) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/624) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1835 (2008).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

13th plenary meeting — *Continuation of the general debate* . . . . . [8]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; H.E. The Honourable Puka Temu, Deputy Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Mr. José Antonio García Belaúnde, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Moctar Ouane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali; H.E. Mr. Elmar Maharram oglu Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Karel de Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Mr. Walid Al-Moualem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Yousef Bin Al-Alawi Bin Abdulla, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman; H.E. Mr. Marat Tazhin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Mourad Medelci, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Omar A. Touray, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates; H.E. Mr. Lazăr Comănescu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; and H.E. Ms. Aïchatou Mindaoudou, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration of the Niger.

14th plenary meeting — The summary of the 14th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/191).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Timor-Leste (26 September 2008)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (26 September 2008)[1]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Ratification: Chile (26 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Bahamas (26 September 2008)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Bahamas (26 September 2008)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Bahamas (26 September 2008)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Ratification: Bahamas (26 September 2008)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Kiribati (26 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Austria (26 September 2008)[1]

Objection to the reservation made by El Salvador upon signature and confirmed upon ratification: Austria (26 September 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Austria (26 September 2008)[1]

Objection to the reservation made by El Salvador upon signature: Austria (26 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Communication to the declaration made by Morocco upon ratification: Spain (10 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event *will continue* on *Monday, 29 September*; and Wednesday, 1 October 2008.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All

other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
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H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

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